

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the first paragraph of the specification, page 1, lines 6-21, with the following paragraph:

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The present application is related to commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/697,579 (Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2000-0297-US1) entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC COMMENT LINE PARSING IN THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE PLUG-IN COMPONENTS", 09/697,449 (Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2000-0299-US1) entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS TO DYNAMICALLY ORDER FEATURES AND TO RESOLVE CONFLICT IN A MULTIPLE-LAYER LOGICAL VOLUME MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT", 09/697,450 (Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2000-0304-US1) entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR VOLUME CREATION IN THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE AGGREGATORS", filed on 10/26/2000, and 09/734,812 (Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2000-0529-US1) entitled "A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR LOGICAL VOLUME MANAGER PLUG-INS", filed on an even date herewith, and hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph of the specification on page 2, line 28, through page 3, line 2, with the following paragraph:

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/561,184 (Attorney Docket No. AUS9-2000-0215-US1), which is hereby incorporated by reference, discloses a multi-layer logical volume management system for an LVM in the OS/2 operating system. Similar systems can be extended to handle multiple levels of aggregation in other operating systems.